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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

(Public works) DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 618 & 619. Press Mis.

S-19-CCC-601.

Dated 28-2- 1867

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No. 599. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account), to the Secretary to Government of Madras, in the Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 30th January 1867, No. 101 A :—

No. 3,584, dated 12th November 1866.
,, 3,800, ,, 29th ,, ,,

1. I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letters quoted in the margin, and in reply to inform you that the Governor General in Council confirms the proceedings of the Government of Madras, in having authorized the re-appropriation of Budget credits objected to as unnecessary in my letters Nos. 962 A and 1,034 A, dated the 13th and 26th October 1866, respectively.

No. 600. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1867, No. 618.

ACCOUNT, No. 69.

15th	August	1866,	No.	2,567.
17th	,,	,,	,,	2,592.
17th	,,	,,	,,	2,584.
23rd	,,	,,	,,	2,673.
24th	,,	,,	,,	2,689.
28th	,,	,,	,,	2,713.
1st	September	,,	,,	2,789.
8th	,,	,,	,,	2,875.
17th	,,	,,	,,	2,977.

Paragraph 1 of this letter will be communicated to the Superintending Engineers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 7th Divisions, and to the Controller of Public Works Accounts with reference to the Orders noted in the margin.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched :—

(Here enter No. 619, dated 28th February 1867.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. L.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 7th Divisions.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
28th February 1867.

No. 619.

No. 601.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

ACCOUNT, No. 70.

1. With reference to your letter of the 30th January 1867, No. 101A, in which you furnish further instructions regarding the system which the Government of India desire to be pursued in order to dispense, as much as possible, with the frequent applications which are now required to be made to that Government from this Presidency for the re-appropriation of Budget credits, I am directed to enquire what course is to be followed when, in the early part of the year, the whole of the Budget assignment for minor works having been appropriated, funds have to be provided for special works, the immediate execution of which may be pressed upon the attention of Government. Under the system which now obtains, the Superintending Engineer who proposes to carry out such works is generally required to state the manner in which the money for them can be provided, keeping in view both the Budget rules affecting re-appropriations, and the profitable employment of the general assignment for his division. The Government have no alternative but to accede to the transfers which are proposed, as they are not in a position to know, at the period in question, whether savings under the particular head to which these works relate are available in any other division, and in fact it can scarcely be expected that the Superintending Engineers themselves will be able to determine what monies can be surrendered except towards the close of the year, which, in the greater part of this Presidency, is the working season. His Lordship in Council cannot think that the arbitrary transfer of any portion of the grant for a division under a particular head of service is, under the circumstances, contemplated, and it will thus be perceived that although the minor works grant may be augmented for a special purpose in one locality, the same grant may be reduced in the next month to meet an urgent demand when it is found that there will be a saving under that head in another direction. This will explain the anomaly to which you refer in the concluding portion of paragraph 2 of your letter.

2. I am also to observe that the course of procedure explained by you in paragraph 3 is seemingly in contravention of the intention of the Government of India, as intimated in letter No. 1,172A, dated 20th December 1866, to allow no relaxation of the Budget rule which restricts the minor works grant to one-tenth of the annual assignment, a decision which only recently involved in this Presidency the re-appropriation of all such savings from Budget credits as were taken to swell the minor works allotment.

See letter dated 17th January 1867, No. 155.

3. With reference to paragraphs 4 and 5 I am to state that when transfers from one minor head to another under "Repairs" become necessary, the Government have sanctioned them under the Budget rules, and that it is only when the transfers are from Repairs to New Works and other major heads, or *vice versa*, that the sanction of the Government of India is sought.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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No. 101 A.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

To

THE SECY. TO GOVT. OF MADRAS,
IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

FORT WILLIAM, JANUARY 30, 1867.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letters quoted in the margin, and in reply to inform you that the Governor General in Council confirms the proceedings of the Government of Madras, in having authorised the re-appropriation of budget credits objected to as unnecessary in my letters Nos. 962 A, and 1034 A dated the 13th and 26th October 1866 respectively.

No. 3584, dated 12th November, 1866.
„ 3800, „ 29th „ „

2. But I am at the same time to say that the explanation furnished to the objections raised by the Government of India, regarding the manner in which the system of re-appropriations is worked in the Madras Presidency, does not appear conclusive. In the case of appropriations from the grant for Minor Works, it was pointed out that the numerous applications made for modifying this grant would seem to indicate that it was divided among the various ranges; and that when an extra demand arose in any one of them, there was conceived to be a case for increasing the total assignment for the head of service, although a great portion of it might not have been wholly appropriated to works. The explanation furnished is to the effect that applications for increasing the grant are not made until the whole sum is absorbed by specific appropriations. This being so, I am to remark that the necessity for so many applications increasing and diminishing the grant at the same time is not apparent. Thus in your application No. 2892 dated 10th September 1866, it was proposed to increase the Minor Works grant of the "Kistna District" by Rs. 2,000, while in another application* immediately afterwards the grant is required to be reduced by Rs. 5,000. The necessity for these applications, and they are only a few out of many, would have been obviated if the grant was worked in the manner suggested in my letter No. 962 A, dated 13th October 1866.

* No. 3161, dated 4th October 1866.

3. What the Government of India contemplate is that the minor works allotment should not be added to until wholly exhausted. On this taking place it might be replenished by transfer of a considerable

sum from major works, which would in turn be drawn upon until used up. In this way one or two transfers such as require the sanction of the Governor General in Council would suffice for the whole year even when the minor works grant might have proved too small, which would not be the case every year.

4. Then, as regards the grant for repairs, I am to observe that from the explanation furnished in your letter, it would appear to be understood by the Government of Madras, that as the budget-estimate requires the items comprising the allotment for repairs to be detailed the grant is therefore held to be appropriated in the same way as that for original works, upon the different items set forth in the estimate. Under this view, some of the alterations of plans for distributing the repairs grant are considered to require the authority of the Government of India, and hence the numerous references referred to in my letter No. 962 A, dated 13th October 1866.

5. But I am to observe that although the budget-estimate for repairs certainly requires a detail of the items, this is intended for information only; and it was never intended that each of these should be regarded as a specific appropriation, and rigidly adhered to in regulating the expenditure on this head of service.

6. In every other province the total grants Civil and Military separately are considered provincial ones, although in some cases it is distributed amongst the various authorities competent to sanction expenditure. Estimates are passed against the total grant or the portion that may have been distributed, and when the total allotment is thus appropriated, then an application is made to the Government of India for increasing the grant. This system does not prevent the estimates for repairs being made referable to the detailed items in the budget-estimate; while it would certainly have prevented the anomaly presented in the applications received from the Government of Madras, in which, in one case, it was proposed to *reduce* the grant for repairs of one district by Rs. 3,000, and to *increase* that of another by Rs. 5,000, when really a large balance of the grant at the disposal of the Government of Madras for repairs remained unappropriated.

7. I am to express a hope that this explanation may render the intentions of the rules clear, but I am to add that the Government of India will be ready to furnish any additional explanation if it be required.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,

Lieut.-Col., R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Public Works Dept
No 618

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 28th February 1867

Read the following

From the Secretary to the Govt
of India
No. 101 A. dated 30th January
1867

Read of this letter with
the Communication to the Govt.
of India recording Engineer of the
Nilgiris Division and to the
Controller of P. W. Accounts
with reference to the orders noted
in the margin.

Ordered that the following
Letter be published.

W.E. No 619 dated 28th Feby/67

To
The Secretary to the
Government of India

Sir,

With reference to
your letter of the 30th January

Ref. to Govt. Nos 201 – 207
" 633 – 635

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

To

SECY. TO GOVT. OF MADRAS,
IN THE P. W. DEPT.

No. 101 A.

Dated January 30, 1867.

Received 9 Feby 1867.

Explains application of the rules regarding appropriations from the grant for Minor Works and Repairs.

No 599

Nos 618-619 - 28 Feby/67

18 Feby 1867 (A. 22nd)

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See letter dt 17 Jan 1/67 to 155

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Fort St George
28th July 1675

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Dt 28th February 1867

Passing orders on a letter from the Govt of India, containing further instructions regarding the system to be pursued to prevent frequent applications being made to them for Re-appropriations of Budget credits.

No 599-600 & 601

C. 18th July 1867 Pa. 2200